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SUBJECT: GROMYKO VISIT TO JAPAN - JAPANESE EMBASSY SEOUL COMMENT

REF: TOKYO 679 (DTG 160934Z JAN 76)

1. AS SUPPLEMENT TO EXCELLENT EMBASSY ANALYSIS REFTEL, JAPANESE EMBASSY SEOUL'S POLITICAL COUNSELOR, KENICHIRO KONDO, IN CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS JANUARY 19 NOTED TWO ADDITIONAL WAYS
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THAT GROMYKO'S PERFORMANCE DURING TOKYO VISIT HAD BENEFITTED

GOJ: (A) STRONG PRESSURE FROM JAPANESE PETROLEUM INTERESTS
FOR GOJ CONCESSIONS IN ORDER TO OPEN UP POSSIBILITY OF JAPANESE
ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES WOULD BE SERIOUSLY
UNDERMINED BY GROMYKO'S UNCOMPROMISING POSITION, AND (B) IT WOULD
NOW BE EASIER FOR JAPAN TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITH PRC FOR IMPORTATION
OF CHINESE PETROLEUM DESPITE INVESTMENT NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT
REFINERY CAPABLE OF HANDLING MORE VISCOUS AND SULFUROUS CHINESE
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